

REMARKS

Claims 8, 9 and 12-17 and 19-31 are pending in this application. Claim 8 has been amended. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claims 17, 19-25 and 28-31 are allowed.

Claims 8, 9, 12, and 14-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Okamoto et al. (US 20030067570) in view of Sakamoto (US7015996).

Amended claim 8 recites, *inter alia*, a color pixel directly contacting an upper substrate without an intervening layer throughout the first area and the second area, and a boundary between the first thickness and the second thickness of the color pixel substantially coincides with a boundary between the first area and the second area. Applicants respectfully submit that neither Okamoto, Sakamoto, nor any combination thereof teaches or suggests the above-claimed features.

The Examiner acknowledges that Okamoto does not disclose the color pixel directly contacts the upper substrate without an intervening layer throughout the first area and the second area. For this element, the Examiner relies on Sakamoto.

However, Sakamoto does not disclose a boundary between the first thickness and the second thickness of the color pixel substantially coincides with a boundary between the first area and the second area. In contrast, Sakamoto discloses a boundary between the first thickness (drc) and the second thickness (dfc) of the color pixel (26) is positioned substantially inside of the first area (i.e., reflective region). See e.g., FIG. 9 of Sakamoto.

As such, even assuming, *arguendo*, that Okamoto and Sakamoto were combined, the combination does not disclose a color pixel directly contacting an upper substrate without an intervening layer throughout the first area and the second area, and a boundary between the first thickness and the second thickness of the color pixel substantially coincides with a boundary between the first area and the second area.

Accordingly, claim 8 is patentable over Okamoto in view of Sakamoto. Claims 9, 12 and 14-16 depend from claim 8. Thus, these dependent claims are also allowable for at least the same reasons provide above for the base claim. Accordingly, withdrawal of the claim rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim 13 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Okamoto and Sakamoto in view of Ha et al. (US 6704081).

Claim 13 depends from claim 8. As above, neither Okamoto, Sakamoto, nor any combination thereof teaches or suggests a color pixel directly contacting an upper substrate without an intervening layer throughout the first area and the second area, and a boundary between the first thickness and the second thickness of the color pixel substantially coincides with a boundary between the first area and the second area. Ha does not cure the deficiency in this regard. Accordingly, claim 13 is allowable over Okamoto in view of Sakamoto and further in view of Ha. As such, withdrawal of the claim rejection is respectfully requested.


Claims 26 and 27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Okamoto and Sakamoto in view of Nakashima (US7015996).

Claims 26 and 27 depend from claim 8. As above, neither Okamoto, Sakamoto, nor any combination thereof teaches or suggests a color pixel directly contacting an upper

substrate without an intervening layer throughout the first area and the second area, and a boundary between the first thickness and the second thickness of the color pixel substantially coincides with a boundary between the first area and the second area. Nakashima does not cure the deficiency in this regard. Accordingly, claim 26 and 27 are allowable over Okamoto in view of Baek and further in view of Nakashima. As such, withdrawal of the claim rejection is respectfully requested.

For the foregoing reasons, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. The Examiner's early and favorable action is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if he has any questions or comments in this matter.

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